

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

December 13, 2010

8:12 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE (DP&Z)

- RE: 1) Request to Adopt a Bicycle Parking Ordinance
Continued discussion from 6/14/10 and 11/22/10
- 2) Personal Property Vegetation Maintenance - Ald. Gutenkauf, Shea & Bram
Referral from City Council meeting 11/15/10 – Continued discussion from 11/22/10
- 3) Other Business

Committee Members Present: Morley, Rose, Leader

Committee Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Werner, Storino (part time)

Others Present: Ald. Gutenkauf (part time), Bob Hoel - Bicycle Task Force

Agenda Item #1 -Chairman Morley called the meeting to order at 8:12 P.M. and continued the discussion of the request by the Bicycle Task Force to adopt a bicycle parking ordinance. The Committee reviewed the US Green Building Council reference guide regarding LEEDS certification of new buildings. The certification program allows one (1) point towards certification for buildings that provide secure bicycle parking and showers and changing facilities. Mr. Werner stated that the City could provide information about green building practices, including bicycle parking, in brochures (to be created) and in discussions with builders and developers. Staff will prepare draft brochures for distribution to homeowners, builders and developers.

Agenda Item # 2 – The Committee discussed this referral from Aldermen Bram, Gutenkauf and Shea to evaluate and determine policy for any vegetation overlapping adjacent property and the homeowners' responsibility to maintain it. The Committee reviewed the Lombard, Illinois Tree Ordinance noting that the ordinance provides a way for the City Manager to require a tree be inspected and removed if deemed to be a public safety hazard. The City Attorney will continue researching this issue. The Committee will continue discussing this issue at an upcoming meeting.

Other Business – The Committee discussed the pylon sign recently approved by City Council on the Gas Stop/Untouchable Car Wash Property. Chairman Morley stated that the sign has not been in compliance with the terms of the Conditional Use Permit; the electronic sign had movements and scrolling that are not allowed. The gas price sign was to be removed as a condition of approval of the pylon sign. Staff reviewed the enforcement activities of the Code Enforcement personnel at the subject site and noted that all issues have been resolved.

Chairman Morley noted that the final removal of the gas price sign, which was in violation of the terms of the Conditional Use Permit, did not occur until today. The owner of the property stated that they need to have a gas price sign on the property; he admitted that he was mistaken when he said the gas price would be on the electronic reader board. Staff noted that a ground sign, no higher than 5 feet above grade, is allowed with a sign permit. The property owner agreed to obtain a sign permit and install a 5 foot tall post with one gas price on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Nathaniel Werner, Planning & Zoning Administrator